

NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS

5TH JUNE 2016 - TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME




This Sunday we drop back into Saint Luke's Gospel with the dramatic story of the raising of the widow's son in the town of Nain. A 'theme' that can unite the scriptures today is found in the psalm: "For me you have changed my mourning into dancing." Our faith is that the death and resurrection of Jesus has changed death forever – just as both Jesus and Elijah changed it in the stories read today. Christians will mourn the death of loved ones, just as Jesus himself wept over his friend Lazarus: but Christian mourning, while acknowledging grief, will also contain - in Jesus - the hope of dancing, the hope of life, the hope of resurrection, as revealed in our readings today.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal page 268; Readings 274; Preface at Priest's choice		<p>Sick: Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Derek Crompton, Roy Shepherd, Margaret Hatchman, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, Barbara Stoppard, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Jim Carney, John James McLaughlin, Carrie Roscoe, Christine Hasleden, Eileen Dearden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Anniversaries: Gladys & John Hall, Nora Fitzgerald, Walter Mariner, Kathleen Keeley, Joseph Healey, Harry Dawson</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Gladys & John Hall, Nora Fitzgerald, Walter Mariner, Kathleen Keeley, To St Anthony for a Special Intention, Joseph Healey, Suzanne Freeman-Hill (sick), Harry Dawson, A Special Intention</p>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	
Monday (6 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (7 th)	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (8 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday (9 th)	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday (10 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Church Cleaning	
Saturday (11 th) <i>St Barnabus</i>	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC)	
Next Sunday (12 th) <i>Day for Life</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 11am-4pm SVP Sponsored Walk 2pm Baptism (SB)	

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Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers

Collections & Donations: *All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.*
Mass Intentions: *Cheques should be made payable to St John's*
Gift Aid: *If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make if you simply sign a Gift Aid form once. Please ask. Thanks*

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First World War Centenary: As part of the ongoing centenary remembrance of significant moments in the First World War, the Bishops of England and Wales are encouraging the Catholic community to participate in local civic or ecumenical celebrations to commemorate the Battle of Jutland and the Battle of the Somme. Catholic parishes are asked to mark these important anniversaries on the nearest Sunday to 5 June to commemorate the Battle of Jutland and the 3 July to commemorate the Battle of the Somme, by offering Mass for all those who died and to pray for those currently serving in the armed forces, and for peace. Bishop John will offer Mass for those intentions in the Cathedral this Sunday (5 June) at 5.30pm and at 11.00am on Sunday 3 July.

Religious Artefacts from Belarus: With Bishop John's permission, an order of Russian Orthodox Sisters is currently visiting parishes in our diocese to sell various religious artefacts made in their workshops to support their charitable work. Taking up the ministry of their patron saint (St Elisabeth) the sisters provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. One of the sisters will be bringing a small display of their crafts to **St Brendan's on Monday 6 June** for sale after the 9.30am Mass. If you are able to go along and support this, please do so. For more information see www.obitel-minsk.by

Day for Life: Next weekend we have the annual day dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life which this year will explore how the wonder of human life and God's creation are intimately connected. For more information see www.dayforlife.org. There will be a second collection to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other Church supported activities which promote and protect human life.

SVP

St John's SVP Afternoon Tea: The SVP will hold afternoon tea for the housebound from each of our three churches in the Patmos Room on Sunday 3 July. Please let anyone in the SVP know if you would like to come.

Annual Family Sponsored Walk: This year, the sponsored walk will take place next Sunday (11am-4pm). The route is around the reservoirs of Turton and Bromley Cross and there are different routes from 3 miles up to 10 miles (maps will be provided). The event starts and finishes at St John's Church and refreshments will be available. If you would like to take part to raise money for local families and people in need in our parishes then please take a sponsor form from any of our three churches and come and join in. It is a great chance for families to help families!

The Destitution Project: Our joint parish collection continues throughout June. All help, goods, food and clothes are much appreciated. Thank you.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29 June to discuss *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult. Same time of 1.15-3pm. All welcome.

We would also like to give early notice of a Bonanza Book Sale in early July. Our book sales raise money for specific charities and church funds. Please start saving any books you would like to donate to the sale. We shall make some arrangement for all donated books to be saved at all three churches. More details to follow. Thank you.

Coffee Morning (SJ): We will be holding a long awaited coffee morning on Friday 24 June at St John's (straight after the 9.30am Mass). Please come along and support us. There are usually some delicious home baked cakes and toasted teacakes on offer along with a great opportunity to chat to old friends and new. More details to follow.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 11 June (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please contact the office to let us know if you will be attending by phoning 01204 301927 or emailing office@sbsj.org.uk.

Marriage Matters (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

The ghosts of the past: *'How enthusiastic I was for the traditions of my ancestors.'* Those same traditions led Paul to persecute Christians, and prevented some people accepting Jesus. When we married, we each brought the 'baggage' of our past experience of life. It can cause strong feelings to 'pop up'. Exploring 'difference' helps us to let go of the past, and continue to change.

Think Vocation

In today's readings two different young males are given new life by God after experiencing death. We should encourage our young people to live life to the full and make use of the opportunities life gives them each day to use their God-given talents and gifts to bring joy to the lives of those they encounter.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	C Molyneux	K Egan, C Molyneux
9.15 (SJ)	P Barnes	F Smith, D Ramsden, A Cunliffe, A Rawlinson, M Cropper, T Armstrong
11.15 (SB)	M Durkan	J Murphy, K Wilkinson, P Carolan

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